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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6715

BILL NUMBER: HB 1285

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 30, 2006

BILL AMENDED: Jan 26, 2006

SUBJECT: Environmental Quality Service Council Study.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Heim

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill requires the Environmental Quality Service Council to study and make findings and recommendations concerning: (1) the most effective ways of implementing the Renewable Fuels Standards of the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 in Indiana; and (2) the feasibility of requiring motor vehicles sold in Indiana to meet the flexible fuel vehicle standards of 85% ethanol (E85) motor fuel for gasoline powered motor vehicles and 20% biodiesel (B20) motor fuel for diesel powered motor vehicles.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Summary:* The bill requires the Environmental Quality Service Council to study and make findings and recommendations concerning the following issues in 2006:

(1) The most effective ways of implementing renewable fuel standards of the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 in Indiana;

(2) The feasibility of requiring motor vehicles sold in Indiana to meet the flexible fuel vehicle standards of E85 motor fuel for gasoline powered motor vehicles; and B20 motor fuel for diesel powered motor vehicles.

The bill requires the Council to include its findings and recommendations developed in the Council's 2006 final report to the Legislative Council.

Background: The Environmental Quality Service Council is established under current statute to do the

following:

- (1) Study issues designated by the Legislative Council.
- (2) Advise the Commissioner of IDEM on policy issues decided on by the Council.
- (3) Review the mission and goals of IDEM and evaluate the implementation of the mission.
- (4) Serve as a Council of the General Assembly to evaluate: (a) resources and structural capabilities of IDEM to meet it's priorities; and (b) program requirements and resource requirements for IDEM.
- (5) Serve as a forum for citizens, the regulated community, and legislators to discuss broad policy directions .
- (6) Submit a final report to the Legislative Council, in an electronic format, that contains at least the following: (a) an outline of activities of the Council; (b) recommendations for IDEM action; and (c) recommendations for legislative action.

Current statute also requires the Legislative Services Agency to provide staff support to the Council and Panel.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Environmental Quality Service Council; Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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